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Another Seabreeze Publication

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Turtles Spend Spring Break At Eagle Ridge

By Ed Schuler

After a prolonged winter drought, this Easter week shot was taken near the sixth fairway. It shows turtles sunning themselves on the drainpipe connecting two of the lakes. Normally, the top of this pipe is about two feet below the water surface during the summer. In my six years living here the lake has never been this low. Let’s hope for a few good rainy days.



Otter photos courtesy of Wolf Hager, taken in lake behind Bald Eagle Drive on Easter morning.

Men’s Golf League

By Gary Melillo

A successful season has come to an end for the men’s golf group. Our Saturday group has grown to over 50 golfers and several times this year we fielded 10 groups. We intend to get three or four tee times here at Eagle Ridge for summer play. Whether it’s now or when the snowbirds return in the fall we are always open to new golfers. I would like to thank all our golfers for their suggestions, their participation and making our Saturday mornings enjoyable. I would also like to thank Ron Bertram for his weekly help throughout the season, as well as Mike Monserez, Arnie Harris and Bob Evans, who were on call to help us out.

The second half of the season had large paydays for a couple of our golfers. As I previously wrote, Arnie Harris took home \$500 for his hole in one Feb. 18. Bob Evans achieved the same feat on April 1 for a \$200 payday. Congratulations to both. The winners of this year’s March Madness tournament were Ron Bertram in the gold flight and Dave Winteregg in the white flight.

Top money winners (excluding holes in one) for the second half of this season based on games played were:

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| First: | Floyd Krickhahn |
| Second: | Gene Iannuzzi |
| Third: | Dale Livingston |
| Fourth: | Mike Currie |
| Fifth: | Tom Donegan |
| Sixth: | Mike Monserez |
| Seventh: | Terry Lueder |
| Eighth: | Dave Winteregg |
| Ninth: | John Wirick |
| Tenth: | Art Nering |

Hole In One



Bob Evans, Hole in One



Information Central for Eagle Ridge Residents

If you have a computer, tablet or smart phone, almost all you ever wanted to know about Eagle Ridge is at your fingertips 24/7. Go to our Website EagleRidge33912.com and you will likely find the answer to your questions. Open up our website and follow along with this review of what is available to our members. When you open the Website you will see the following seven tab menu bar:

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Simply click on the RESOURCES tab and you will find forms, governing documents, by-laws and a wealth of information.

Forms: If you are planning to make changes to the outside appearance of your home you can download the Form - [Request to Alter or Add to Property](#). If your contact information has changed, click on Form - [Contact Information Update and New Residents](#) . If you are planning to lease out your single family home you will find a form for that as well. Form - [Notification of Lease Agreement](#).

Useful Information: If you need an Eagle Ridge Street map, golf course layout, utility contact list, useful web links like what is playing at the Bell Tower Theater, a recommended vendors list, and emergency phone numbers... you will find them here.

Home Maintenance and Landscape information: If you are experiencing problems with your lawn, landscaping or what level of maintenance we believe you should apply to your residence.

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If you have a question but don’t know who to contact, Fill out the form on the CONTACT US tab and it will be promptly forwarded to the appropriate Board Member or Committee Head.

ABOUT US

The ABOUT US tab contains the name and phone numbers of the Board members as well as the names of the committee heads. Their phone numbers can be found in your phone directories.

REAL ESTATE

Do you occasionally wonder what is happening to the value of homes or condos in Eagle Ridge? Click on the VIEW LISTINGS link and see what is available for sale and what has been sold and its price since 2012. This list is typically updated every two weeks.

Fraud Alert

Is The IRS Really Using Private Debt Collectors?

From The Office Of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott

Yes, it is true! The Internal Revenue Service is now working with private debt collection agencies to recover unpaid tax debts. The new program, authorized under a federal law enacted by Congress last December, will allow one of the designated collection agencies to collect tax debt from those who owe overdue federal taxes. The four contracted agencies are **CBE Group of Waterloo, Iowa; ConServe of Fairport, N.Y.; Performant of Pleasanton, Calif. and Pioneer of Horseheads, N.Y.**

Without a doubt, scammers will attempt to use this new service as another way to fraudulently get your money and

your personal identifying information. It is very important you know how the new program works and what the red flags are, as you continue to remain vigilant against con artists.

How It Works

- The IRS will mail you a letter informing you that your long overdue federal tax account has been turned over to a private debt-collecting agency. The letter will provide the name of the company and contact information.
- You will receive a letter from that collection agency confirming the account transfer.
- You will receive a follow-up phone call to discuss payment options with you.

What You Should Know

- The IRS will never use a phone call to threaten to arrest you, take out a warrant on you, or deport you if you do not pay.

- The **only** way you can pay your tax debt is electronically or by check, payable to the United States Treasury.
- The IRS does not collect taxes on iTunes cards, gift cards or wire transfers such as Western Union or Moneygram.

What You Should Do

- Hang up immediately if you receive a threatening, aggressive phone call.
- If you are unsure if you owe federal taxes, look up your account at www.irs.gov/balancedue.
- To make a complaint about a private collection agency, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration hotline at (800) 366-4484.
- If you have fallen victim to this scam, call the Lee County Sheriff's Office fraud line at 258-3292.

Sheriff's Office Invests In Women's Safety

May is the month when we celebrate our mothers and the special women in our lives. What better way to honor these women than by safeguarding lives and property. The Lee County Sheriff's Office offers many programs that provide information on how women can protect themselves, their children, grandchildren, homes, and personal information. Here are just a few of the programs available from the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

SAFE Women And SAFE Girls – A two-hour self-defense awareness class for women or girls that includes one hour of safety information and one hour of practical activities. For ages 13 to 100, \$5 a person.

Personal Safety – Tips on being safe at home, at work, in the neighborhood, at the store.

Personal Safety For Mothers With Young Children – Tips on how to keep yourself and your children safe at home and away.

Personal Safety For Persons With Limited Abilities – Personal safety tips for anyone living with limited abilities.

Personal Safety For Healthcare Workers – Tips for healthcare agency workers that work in a healthcare setting such as a hospital or doctor's office as well as those working at home or providing home care to others.

Burglary Prevention – How to keep yourself from being a target of burglars.

Internet Safety – Keep yourself safer online.

Workplace Violence/Active Shooter – This program gives information on keeping safe in the workplace from employees, customers or an active shooter whether business, healthcare facility, or nonprofit organization.

ID Theft Prevention – Tips to keep your identity from being stolen. This topic has many applications for children/grandchildren, deceased, medical or business.

Scams, Fraud, And Card Skimmers Oh My! – Tips to guard against scams and frauds including online romance scams, grandparents scam, IRS tax refund fraud, as well as recognizing card skimmers.

Call Community Relations at (239) 258-3280 to schedule a

presentation for your group. What better gift to honor yourself or the women in your life and community than learning more about personal safety. For more information about this safety and security tip, or to schedule a personal or Internet safety presentation, call Community Relations at 258-3280.

Summer Hours Begin At Sanibel Historical Village



The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will switch to off-season, summer hours Tuesday, May 2. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The museum will be closed starting Tuesday, Aug. 1, and will reopen Tuesday, Oct. 17, on regular full-time hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum staff and board members plan a busy off-season working on key administrative tasks and many museum improvement projects that often take a back seat during the busy tourist season.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is a nonprofit organization formed with the mission to preserve, share, and celebrate Sanibel's history. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS. Adult admission is \$10; people under age 18 and members are free. Single memberships are \$40, family memberships are \$60, and other levels are available. Call (239) 472-4648 for more information or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.

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‘Laughter Is The Best Medicine Comedy Night’ Announced By SalusCare



Six Local Celebrities To Headline Third Annual Event

Six local celebrities will headline the Third Annual “Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night” to benefit SalusCare, the area’s most comprehensive provider of treatment for individuals with mental health and substance use issues.

The fun gets underway Saturday, July 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Each of the local celebrities will perform a five-minute stand-up routine for event attendees who will “vote” for the best comedic performance with their dollars. The local celebrities



Chris Hansen, Lee Health Board member and Park Royal Hospital



Dayna Harpster, WGPU Expressions editor



Frank Mann, Lee County Commissioner

Safety And Security Tip

Unlocked Car + Thief = Crime Of Opportunity

From The Office Of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office is asking for your help in putting a halt to a recent rash of car burglaries by reminding residents that these crimes are most often “crimes of opportunity” that can lead to expensive consequences. To minimize the chances of becoming a victim, we must first take away the thief’s opportunity by taking a few preventative steps:

- **Lock your vehicle.** Over half of all vehicles burglarized or stolen were left unlocked. This includes both day and night and in your own home driveway.
- **Do not leave valuables in plain view.** This includes your wallet/purse, cell phone, laptop, GPS, shopping bags, cash, credit cards, garage door opener, keys, tools, etc.
- **Park in well-lit areas.** Two things burglars don’t like – lights and witnesses.
- **Do not leave personal identifying papers in car.** This includes driver’s license, Social Security card, motor vehicle registration, car title, credit card and bank statements as these items can be used to commit identity theft. While vehicle registration papers must be presented when asked for by a

who will exchange laughs for votes are:

- Chris Hansen, Lee Health Board member and Park Royal Hospital

- Dayna Harpster, *WGPU Expressions* editor
- Mike Jung, *News-Press* president and publisher
- Frank Mann, Lee County Commissioner
- Cole Peacock, RC Peacock Consulting
- Will Prather, Broadway Palm owner

Nationally recognized yet-to-be-announced comedians will round out the evening, said Sue Ackert, SalusCare Development Committee chair. VIP tickets are \$175 each, including reception with the comedians, heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer/wine and show or \$125 each for dessert, beer/wine and show only. Tickets are available at www.saluscarecomedyevent.org.

Park Royal Behavioral Health Services is the headliner sponsor of the event. Other sponsorships are available from \$500 to \$10,000.

“‘Laughter Is the Best Medicine’ not only showcases our local celebrities, but gives everyone an opportunity to support a charity



Mike Jung, News-Press president and publisher



Will Prather, Broadway Palm owner

that provides mental health and substance use treatment for more than 16,000 people per year,” Ackert said.

Funds raised at the event will be used to provide outpatient psychiatry and therapy to children and adolescents in our area whose families can least afford it. One in 10 children has serious mental health problems severe enough to impair how they function at home, in school, or in the community, according to the National Center for Children & Poverty at Columbia University. Left untreated, mental illnesses can lead to more difficult to treat illnesses and to the development of co-occurring disorders.

For more information about sponsorships and “Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night,” contact Todd Cordisco at (239) 791-1575 or at: tcordisco@saluscareflorida.org.

About SalusCare Inc.

SalusCare Inc., is the most comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment program in Southwest Florida, serving more than 16,000 people per year of all ages from seven locations in Lee County. The nonprofit organization offers crisis stabilization, outpatient and residential treatment and an Employee Assistance Program for about 50 area companies. The majority of programs are accredited by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

SalusCare services are not free. Fees are charged on a sliding scale, based on family income. In many cases, private insurance is accepted. SalusCare is a United Way partner agency.



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Eagle Ridge Ryder Cup Tournament

By Mike Monserez

The third installment of the Eagle Ridge Ryder Cup was contested on May 17 and 20 pitting eight condominium owners (six from the Fairways and two from the Pines) against seven Eagle Ridge homeowners and one substitute.

The three-day match play competition featured a different format each day: Day 1 ... 4ball, Day 2 ... modified alternate shot, Day 3 ... singles. Each match was worth three points, one point for the front, one point for the back and one point for the total.

Paced by seven (of a possible nine) points by Carl Carlson, six points by Joe Foster and 5½ by Jim O’Connor, the homeowners claimed victory by a 25½ to 22½ score, snapping the condo owners’ two-year winning streak. Other members of the winning squad were Pete Baker, Dan Wright, Dave Neseman, Bob Frehill and Dale Livingston.

The condo owners were led by overall points leader Gary Melillo with 7½ points. Also, helping the condo cause were Jim Kudrle with seven points and Ron Bertram with 6½ points. Other members were Dan Massey, Bubba Santucci, Larry Cushing, Paul Hirsch and Mike Monserez as captain.

The winners, captained by John Demeter were awarded the traveling trophy, the Eagle Ridge Eagle, at the awards dinner at Shoeless Joe’s restaurant at the event’s conclusion.



Eagle Ridge Residents

Jogging, bicycling, walking and other nongolfing activities or unregistered golf play are not permitted on the golf course.

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Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope

June starts to become very warm and usually the rain starts. We do need the rain. What is the month of June known for? It is World Naked Bull Ride Month. Wow, don’t think I’d like to do that. It is also National Fruit and Veggie Month as well as Effective Communication Month. The month of June is also known to be Corn and Cucumber Month. Because it is so hot, let’s make a cold cucumber soup. It is tasty and easy to make. Give it a try.



Cold Cucumber Soup

3 cucumbers, peeled, remove seeds, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 cups plain yogurt
2 cups chicken broth (or substitute vegetable broth)
1 tablespoon minced dill (mint can be substituted for dill)
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon minced dill for garnish (or mint leaves)
Also you can use sliced cucumber.

Put cucumber, garlic and yogurt in food processor and blend until smooth. Transfer to bowl and add chicken broth, dill, salt and pepper to taste. Chill several hours. Garnish with dill and sliced cucumber. Serves 3 to 4.

Security And Safety Committee

By Connie Hope

1. We had one attempted car break-in during April on Double Eagle Court. A “slim jim” was found on the roof of a car in front of a house. The car was not opened and nothing was taken.

2. I would like to let everyone know what can happen to someone. I have been scammed. I am telling you my story so none of you will ever fall for this kind of a scam. I had put my name, phone number and email address on a site called Care.com for a part-time job. A woman called me from England to say that she and her husband and mother-in-law were moving to Fort Myers and she needed someone to look after her mother-in-law for four hours a day for three days which is a total of 12 hours.

The first red flag was that she was going to pay me \$450 for 12 hours of work – that is over \$33 an hour. I get \$15 to \$20.

The second red flag is that she wanted me to buy some food, appliances and other things for the house they were renting. She gave me the address of the house. I drove to

Verandah to see and talk to the people there. The guard gave me a phone number to call. I did and spoke with someone who had no knowledge of this person. She gave me to the management company who also did not know anything about her renting the house.

The third and biggest flag was a check arrived in the mail for \$4,350. I did not cash it. If I had they would have asked me to send some of the money and I would be out the full amount of the check. It would have bounced. The name on the check was NotaryGo Inc. in California. I called them and they told me that in the last few weeks they had had four cases through Care.com that someone had mailed a check with their name on it. It was not a valid check. I am telling you this so you know there are scammers out there and you need to be very careful. Do not cash a check. I called and reported this to the Fraud Department at the sheriff’s office and talked to my friend in the sheriff’s office. He stated to “walk away and do not ever cash the check.”

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. E-mail rontlougan@gmail.com with your request.

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club Legislative Wrap-Up Is Program For Monthly Republican Women’s Luncheon

The Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club will have a legislative wrap-up as their program for their monthly luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, May 16**, at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. Legislators from Southwest Florida have been invited to share their comments about this year’s legislative session and bills that were passed. The public is invited to attend.

A social hour begins at **11:15 a.m.**, with the luncheon and program following at **12 p.m.** The cost of the luncheon is \$200. Reservations are required by **Thursday, May 11**, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Carole Green, (850) 590-2206.

The Greeters Club April 20 Luncheon

Spring is here and it is an inspirational season in Southwest Florida. Why not look your best and learn some inside tips from our guest speaker Michelle Nelson at our luncheon on **Thursday, April 20**. As a licensed esthetician and owner of Lash Out Beauty Bar in Naples, Michelle has been working her magic for over 20 years. Her presentation will include makeup and skin care trends for the mature woman.

Make your luncheon reservation (cost: \$20) today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Email: greetersclub@gmail.com Provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number.) You will receive a return email confirming your reservation. Our luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month, registration is from **10:45 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers. Check out our Website:greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com

Continental Women’s Club of Fort Myers

The Continental Women’s Club meeting on **Thursday, June 1** will feature guest speaker Barb Brayton from Long Term Care Ombudsman Program of Florida. This agency advocates on behalf of those who live in long term settings such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care home. She will provide information on how to utilize their services, or even become a volunteer.

The club’s monthly meetings are held on the first **Thursday** of the month at **11:30 a.m.** at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The cost to attend

the luncheon is \$19. Please call (239) 672-8683 before **8 p.m., Sunday, May 28** to make a reservation for June’s luncheon.

Dining In Club

If you live in Eagle Ridge, maybe you have heard of the Dining In Club where people in our community get together to meet, talk and have fun. Everyone who attends these parties really loves them.

We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about Dining In, please call Connie Hope at (239) 225-6609.

Eagle Ridge #Winelovers

#Winelovers gravitate to Eagle Ridge eight to nine months of the year for #Winelover Hangouts on Eagles Lookout Court. Hosted by Ellen and Tom Giffen, these events are set up to explore the world of wine, experience the tapas goodness of our kitchens and to collect food donations for the Harry Chapin Food Bank and other charitable organizations that draw from the food bank.

If you are interested in participating, please email the Giffens at giff48@centurylink.net for more information, and you will be put on the monthly email list. Cheers.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)

Join us at a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. The class is given under the auspices of University of Florida IFAS Extension Lee County.

Each principle is explored in class so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching, and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. To learn more, visit <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Volunteer In Your Eagle Ridge Community

If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors, or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following: Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., John Spiegel, Peter Van Leeuwen, Ed Schuler or Rick Herman through the Eagle Ridge website: www.eagleridge33912.com. **Your Eye of the Eagle**

If you are not receiving your *Eye of the Eagle* newspaper, please contact Peggy Watts, (239) 910-1039 or Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609.

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7:30 p.m. meetup – 8 p.m. roll out
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All flocks will come with a letter explaining they are roosting to help raise funds for our annual Back to School Supply Drive. Flamingos will migrate all around the community. Will you be next?

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Flocking is done in good spirits and is not meant to be malicious. The flamingos are precious property and we want to keep them in our possession so all can enjoy. Also, to make this fundraiser successful, we must have willing participants ... so tell your friends.

Have A Flamingo Phobia?

Don’t fear! The purchase of antiflocking insurance spares your home or business the embarrassment of blushing in various shades of pink. The cost of this insurance requires a premium of only \$10 and can be purchased through our website.

Local Dining

Delicious Fun At The Butterfly Estates

By Sarah Crain

Indicative of its name, The Gathering Place (TGP) allows locals and snowbirds alike a place to meet to have homemade meals in a quite unique environment. With humble roots, TGP made a name for itself in Beacon Executive Suites in Fort Myers. It is a favorite among businessmen and women because of their quality food and speedy service. Many in the community knew TGP as the “soup place.” And boy do they have wonderful soup, but don’t limit them to only soup. Because of their wild success they have opened a second location in none other than The Butterfly Estates in downtown Fort Myers.

Upon my visit, I ordered the Cuban sandwich based on the waiter’s recommendation. I have got to say that this Cuban sandwich is the best that I have had in Lee County and one of the best that I have had in Southwest Florida. The sandwich was loaded with meat and the pork was pulled and full of flavor. The bread was perfect along with the portion. Everything about the sandwich was perfect. As a side, I had cucumber tomato salad which was marinated in an Italian dressing and was very fresh, light and delicious. TGP also has incredible desserts. I had the peanut butter pie and it was to die for. The texture was thick, but creamy and the pie had a flawless combination of peanut butter and chocolate.



Other dessert options include homemade elephant ears, Key lime pie, chocolate cake and other unique varieties of baked goods. For breakfast, they offer breakfast burritos, waffles and breakfast sandwiches and for lunch they provide daily specials along with soups, salads, melts and clubs. Don’t count out TGP for dinner because they offer up a hearty variety of entrees to include tilapia, meatloaf, ribs and pasta and prices are fair all around. They also have a kid’s menu with many choices and the price is only \$5 per meal.



One of the rather interesting parts of the downtown location is that after or before you eat you can stroll over to the Butterfly Conservatory and see one of nature’s true wonders, the butterfly!

Sarah E. Crain is a local author of the Bucket List for Foodies Book and 50 Southwest Florida Dishes That Should Be On Your Bucket List. For more information, visit The Bucket List for Foodies Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bucketlistforfoodies.

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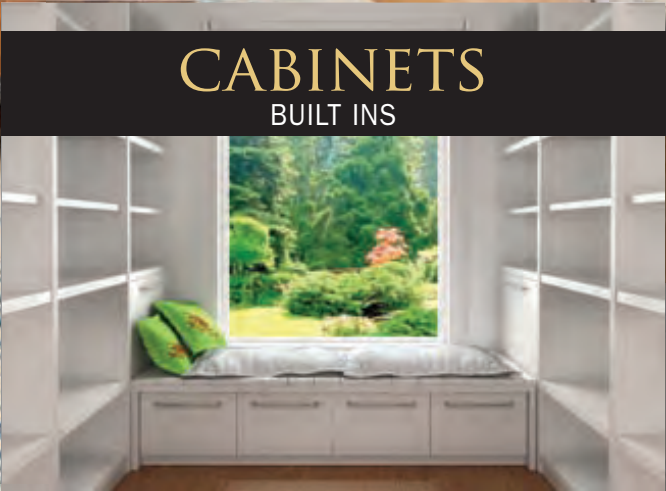
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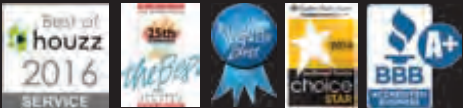
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Minutes For The Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association

May 1, 2017

These minutes will not be approved until the next Board Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by John Spiegel, President. Board members present were: John Spiegel, president; Richard Herman, vice president; Peter Van Leeuwen, secretary/treasurer; Hewitt B. McCloskey, Jr., director; Christine Leslie, director.

A quorum was reached. There were 13 residents present.
Request was made to approve the Minutes for the March 6, 2017 Board Meeting.

- 1. First Motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017: Richard Herman
- 2. Second Motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017: Hewitt McCloskey
- 3. All voted in favor. The motion was passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Peter Van Leeuwen
Monthly summary of Accounts for March, 2017
Current end of month balances to March 31, 2017

ERPOA Bank of America Account Balances		
Business Savings	7890	2,655.42
Business Checking	1247	208,566.68
Business Checking Reserve	3976	59,320.92
Total as of March 31, 2017		270.543.02

Treasurer’s Report: Peter Van Leeuwen
Monthly summary of Accounts for April 30, 2017
Current end of month balances to April 30, 2017

ERPOA Bank of America Account Balances		
Business Savings	7890	2,655.46
Business Checking	1247	199,245.41
Business Checking Reserve	3976	59,320.92
Total as of April 30, 2017		261,221.79

Transfers and Estoppel fees are \$3,300.
Assessments received for 2017 is at 98 percent.
12 properties are delinquent – seven are single-family and five are condos.
We have sent out the third delinquent notice on April 1, 2017. The next letter will be certified.

President’s Monthly Report: John Spiegel

- 1. We recognize and appreciate the many years of service of our past President, Hewitt McCloskey, Jr. Thank you, Hewitt.
- 2. We also recognize and appreciate the years of service of former Director Ed Schuler. Thank you, Ed.
- 3. We welcome Christine Leslie as a Director. Thank you, Christine.
- 4. We appreciate the continued work of vice president Richard Herman and secretary/treasurer Peter Van Leeuwen. Thank you, Rick and Peter.

5. We appreciate the many years of hard work and dedication of our recording secretary, Constance Hope. Thank you, Connie.

6. As your new president, I hope to continue the tradition of keeping Eagle Ridge the beautiful community it has been for many years. I ask for the support and cooperation of our residents.

7. Unfortunately, the lawsuit filed against ERPOA by the three condominium associations did not settle and remains pending. A hearing on the motion of ERPOA to dispose of the case is now set for May 22, 2017. Stay tuned. There may be a different date later in the month.

Vice President’s Report: Richard Herman

1. Bike path update (along Eagle Ridge Drive and American Colony) – I attended the monthly meeting in March and April to keep the name of our community and interest before the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). We plan to continue to do so until BPAC finalizes their priority list at the end of 2017 and the list is subsequently forwarded to the County Commissioners the following year for their review.

2. Article 5, Section 3 of the ERPOA by-laws provides that “The DIRECTORS shall fix the salaries of the OFFICERS of the Corporation and reward them from, time to time such additional compensation as may be lawful and justified.”

3. Article 5, Section 3 is applicable and provides the Board the authority and discretion to approve payment to the ERPOA secretary/treasurer, who is an OFFICER.

4. An explanation of the procedure to contact Lee County DOT at (239) 533-9400, to request that your front swale be cleared for better storm water flow.

Luther Ward: Is Eagle Ridge Incorporated?

John Spiegel: Yes, it is.

Director’s Report: Christine Leslie

1. A summary of the Surface Water Management Committee. Due to the very dry winter and spring, no new drainage issues have arisen. The golf course is expected to advise details of their drainage improvement plan however we do not have an expected date when that plan will be finalized.

2. We are still waiting for the Golf Course to improve their drainage.

3. If the swales in your yard are high, Lee County DOT can be requested to come and look at it and will set an appointment to come back and dredge the swale then come back and sod it.

Committee Reports

Arbitration Board Committee: Charlene Wendel (no activity to report).

Architectural Control Committee: Bill Simons

1. A summary of architectural/property submissions reviewed and/or approved or pending approval for the months of March and April 2017. New roofs: 2, Exterior paint: 4, New driveways: 3, Remodel (pool cage, new doors, etc.): 4, Landscape: 2.

Deed of Restrictions Committee: Don Peters

DOR Committee Report for March and April, 2017

1. During our March tour, nine new violation notices were issued. Four were considered minor and it is expected that residents will comply. Three were discussed with the owners who are working on complying, but need extra time to finish the project. The remainder are on our “watch list” for the next tour.

2. There was one major violation of heavy construction equipment loaded on a trailer being stored in a driveway for more than two days. In addition, other construction equipment was also stored in the driveway. Ladders and debris were on

the side of the house. One week later only the trailers were there. A second violation notice was issued. The following week the trailers were gone. This issue is on our watch list.

3. For April there were six new violations, mostly landscaping problems that need to be corrected. Direct contact was made with three owners. Follow up will occur during May tour. The draught and watering restrictions are taking their toll in many cases.

4. The May tour will take place on Monday, May 8.

Landscape Beautification Committee: Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.

1. A list of landscape maintenance items was given to our landscape contractor that is to be addressed in the next three weeks and completed no later than May 21.

- 2. Prune all palms and shade trees.
- 3. Prune all shrubs located throughout Eagle Ridge POA
- 4. Perform a wet test of our entire irrigation system to verify complete coverage.

5. Verify with sub-contractor, All State Pest Control that all trees, shrubs and lawn areas are being fertilized and treated for insect pests four times a year.

Legal Committee: John Spiegel

- 1. See above.
- 2. Our long time general counsel Sarah Spector, Esq., is moving to a new firm in Fort Myers. She will continue as our general counsel.

3. We will streamline the process for issuing citations for violations of the Deed of Restrictions which will result in more prompt compliance, especially parking violations, e.g., improper vehicles parked in driveways overnight. The details will be worked out and announced, hopefully, at the next board meeting.

Security and Safety Committee: Connie Hope

1. On April 12, on Double Eagle Court a “slim jim” tool (used to open locked car doors) was found on the roof of a car in front of a house. The car was not opened and nothing was taken. Please remember, if you see something that does not look right, call the Sheriff’s office and report it. You can call 911 or the non-emergency number (239) 477-1000. You are the eyes of the community.

Social Committee: Sherri Holly (no activity to report)

Welcoming Committee: Arlene Cabai Schuetz

1. Arlen Schuetz is now interviewing new residents. Those interviews will appear in the community newspaper.

Residents’ Comments: (limited to three minutes) Please give your full name.

1. Nancy Keil: What is the status of the Florida Power and Light working?

Ed Schuler: The work will continue down Twin Eagle. Then it will go to Fiddlesticks which will not start until after May 15.

2. Don Allen: We moved in to this community about eight years ago. We have never met such nice and concerned neighbors. Great neighbors and very friendly.

3. Richard Herman: The water police are around. They are writing people up for lawn watering on the wrong days.

4. Paul Hirsh: Maybe you should consider posting the agenda before the meeting so people can see what will go on at the meeting.

5. Discussion was had regarding the payments to our secretary/treasurer.

A request for a motion for adjournment:

- 1. First motion for adjournment: Richard Herman
- 2. Second motion for adjournment: Hewitt McCloskey
- 3. All voted in favor for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

NOTICE



Please clean up after your dog

Deed of Restrictions Section A-15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner’s property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Violators are subject to fining.

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